

VITAL SIGNS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DONNELLY HOWARD W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O VITAL SIGNS, INC, 20  
CAMPUS ROAD**

(Street)

**TOTOWA, NJ 07512**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VITAL SIGNS INC [VITL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/30/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. ... |
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## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") dated July 23, 2008 by and among General Electric Company, Tonic Acquisition Corp and Vital Signs, Inc. (the "Company"), at the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement), each
- (1) outstanding option to purchase the Company's common stock ("Company Stock Option"), whether or not then vested or exercisable, was cancelled and terminated and converted into the right to receive an amount of cash equal to the excess of \$74.50, without interest (the "Merger Consideration"), over the exercise price of such Company Stock Option, multiplied by the number of shares of common stock covered by such Company Stock Option less applicable taxes required to be withheld.
  - (2) 50 percent of the options are exercisable immediately and an additional 25 percent of the options are exercisable on each of the first and second anniversary of the grant.
  - (3) These options vest in 25 percent installments beginning one year from the date of grant.
  - (4) These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant.
  - (5) These options vest in four equal annual installments starting on May 8, 2009.

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